

# New Requirements for Childhood Vaccinations

## ***Why are we concerned about childhood vaccinations?***

Vaccines protect children against serious diseases that at one time made children and their families get very sick or even die. When you vaccinate your children you protect them, their schoolmates, and your community.



## ***Why are childhood vaccinations changing?***

The Virginia General Assembly passed House Bill 1090 requiring immunizations to correspond with those recommended by the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

## ***Which vaccinations should my child have?***

- **Children entering Kindergarten need:**  
Two properly spaced doses of the Hepatitis A vaccine (HAV). The first dose should be given at age 12 months or older. This requirement is in addition to the existing Kindergarten vaccine requirements per ACIP.
- **Children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade need:**  
Proof of their first dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY), the first dose of the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine, and one booster of the tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine (Tdap)
- **Children entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade need:**  
A booster of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)

## ***Where can I get these vaccines for my child?***

These vaccines are available through your local health department and most primary care providers and pediatricians.

***For more information:*** [www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirement](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirement)



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